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(As Amended)

"AN ACT EXTENDING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE TO FOSTER PARENTS WHO ARE STATE EMPLOYEES."

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a Families 4 With Service Needs Advisory Board. The board shall consist of the 5 following members: (1) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; (2) a judge of the Superior Court 6 7 assigned to hear juvenile matters, appointed by the Chief Justice; (3) a 8 public defender, assistant public defender or deputy assistant public 9 defender specializing in cases involving families with service needs, 10 appointed by the Chief Public Defender; (4) the Child Advocate, or the 11 Child Advocate's designee; (5) the executive director of the Center for 12 Children's Advocacy at The University of Connecticut School of Law, 13 or the executive director's designee; (6) two representatives of the

Department of Children and Families, appointed by the Commissioner

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of Children and Families, one of whom shall be from the division of said department that provides juvenile justice services and one of whom shall be from the division of said department that provides services to girls; (7) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and human services, or their designees; and (8) one member appointed by the Governor. All appointments to the board shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the board, from among the members of the board. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(b) The Families With Service Needs Advisory Board shall (1) monitor the progress being made by the Judicial Department in the implementation of the requirements of public act 05-250, (2) provide advice with respect to such implementation upon the request of the Judicial Department or the General Assembly, and (3) not later than January 1, 2007, make written recommendations to the Judicial Department and the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with respect to the accomplishment of such implementation by the effective date of public act 05-250. The board shall terminate on October 1, 2007."